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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Robert Balint, et al.

Application No.: 09/526,106

Filed: March 15, 2000

For: Interaction Activated Proteins

Examiner: Thomas Friend

Art Unit: 1627

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Election of Species requirement mailed April 22, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above identified application in view of the following remarks. Applicants petition to extend the period for filing a response in the above identified application for five months. A Fee Transmittal authorizing the Commissioner to charge the petition fee to our deposit account is attached. For the convenience of the Examiner, a list of pending claims is attached as Appendix I.

REMARKS

Claims 22-41 are currently pending and under consideration, no claims being added, amended or canceled herein. In the Election of Species requirement mailed April 22, 2002, the Examiner required Applicants to elect a patentably distinct species in items A-D. Applicants hereby elect: